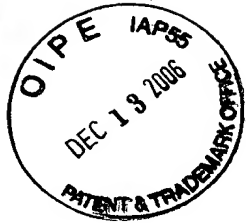


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Applicant : Roger A. McCurdy
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.